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[OTHER]	70		50		120	10/01/96
VIRGIN ISLANDS (U.S.):						
ST. CROIX	127		78		205	08/01/96
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04/16 -- 12/21	242		89		331	08/01/96
12/22 -- 04/15	391		100		491	08/01/96
ST. THOMAS						
04/12 -- 12/15	168		93		261	08/01/96
12/16 -- 04/11	268		103		371	08/01/96
WAKE ISLAND:						
WAKE ISLAND	40		35		75	10/01/96

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army/Corps of Engineers

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Tucson Drainage Area Feasibility Study, Pima County, AZ

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers and local co-sponsors, the Pima County Department of Transportation and Flood Control District and the City of Tucson Department of Transportation propose the construction of certain flood control structures along portions of the Tucson Arroyo and Arroyo Chico located in central Tucson. The Tucson Arroyo/Arroyo Chico system and its tributaries is the major drainage channel for watersheds within the city and drains an 11.4 square-mile area of central and downtown Tucson. The study was developed in response to frequent flood events along this drainage system.

As proposed the recommended plan would consist of three primary elements: (1) Randolph Park Detention

Basin Complex, (2) Park Avenue Detention Basin Complex and, (3) improvements along High School Wash. Project construction would increase the existing 7 to 10-year level of flood protection to an approximate 100-year level of protection. The project would eliminate approximately 90 percent of all inundation damages while providing protection to approximately 1,100 structures within the 100-year floodplain. In addition, the recommended plan would provide for the restoration of over 12 acres of valuable desert riparian habitat within the project area, increase local opportunities for wildlife, as well as satisfying a currently unmet need for recreation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the DEIS, or for additional information, please contact Mr. William O. Butler at (213) 452-3845 or Mr. Elden J. Gatwood at (213) 452-3812, or by writing to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Attn: Mr. William O. Butler, CESPL-PD-RN, Room 14005), P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, California 90053-2352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No significant short or long-term adverse environmental effects were identified in the DEIS as a result of implementing the recommended plan.

The public review and comment period for the DEIS will be for 45 days, from May 2, 1997 to June 16, 1997.

Scoping

A public scoping meeting will be held to give individuals and groups the opportunity to comment, either orally and/or in writing on the environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposed action (recommended plan) as presented in the DEIS. The feasibility report and DEIS findings will be reviewed at the public meeting.

The public meeting will be scheduled for the week of May 26, 1997 in the City of Tucson. When available, the specific date, time and location of this meeting will be announced in the local news media and with separate notification to all parties on the project mailing list.

Written public comments and suggestions received by June 16, 1997 will be addressed in the Final EIS (FEIS).

Robert L. Davis,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Jacksonville Harbor Navigation Channel Improvements Project, Duval County, Florida

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.